

Fair Tonight; Warmer
Wednesday.

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ANXIOUS MOTHER GREET'S HER SON

SHARON TURNS OUT TO GREET RECOVERED BOY

Long Hours of Mother's
Waiting Ended by Sight
of Little Son.

TOUCHING REUNION OF WHITLA FAMILY

Thousands of Townpeople at
Railway Station When Billy
and Father Arrive.

"I am the happiest mother in the world today. I cannot express my kindly feelings toward all who have so kindly assisted us in these trying days."

MRS. WHITLA.

SHARON, Pa., March 23.—"Here comes the train and Billy Whitla," shouted a boy shortly after noon today, as the Erie train bearing Attorney J. P. Whitla and his golden-haired son swung swiftly around a curve and rushed into the station.

Simultaneously the cry was taken up and thousands of men, women and children who were in waiting yelled themselves hoarse. Hats were thrown high in the air, strong hearted men beat each other on the back in a frenzy of excitement and many of the women cried with joy.

When the little fellow stepped from the train it was with difficulty that the State constabulary and squad of police were able to keep the crowd back. Under escort of several detectives and State police, Mr. Whitla and his son were hurried to a carriage that was in waiting, and they were quickly whisked away. Cheer after cheer greeted the happy father and son along the streets where thousands of people assembled to get a glimpse of Billy.

The scene at the Whitla residence was heart rending. The mother standing on the front porch saw the carriage approaching. Big tears rolled down her pale cheeks, but they were tears of joy. The vehicle stopped and Billy and his father stepped out. "Mamma! Mamma! I am glad to see you!" cried the little fellow and, running as fast as his little legs could carry him, he was soon crushed against the glad mother's breast, while she rained kisses after kisses on his upturned lips.

There was also an affecting scene between husband and wife, and the family seemed in the sunshine of their joy. Little Salina Whitla, whose young heart was wrung with grief since her brother was stolen, was perhaps the happiest of the family. She hung affectionately on her brother's neck, and the tears of happiness mingled.

All afternoon streams of friends of the family called at the home and offered their congratulations, while Mr. and Mrs. Whitla were overwhelmed with congratulatory telegrams.

New found friends, those whom they had never met, offered their felicitations. People came from far and near, and Mr. Whitla remarked: "I do not realize how sympathetic the people of this country could be. I can hardly express my appreciation of what everybody has done for me. All I can say is that we are all supremely happy."

This is virtually "Billy Whitla day" here. A half holiday has been declared in public schools, and the town is in a fever of excitement over the home coming. He is a hero in the eyes of the little school friends and companions.

Flags have been floated from buildings and thousands of people are waiting the streets, business being practically at a standstill. In her first interview, since the news was received that her boy had been recovered, Mrs. Whitla today said:

"I am the happiest mother in the world. I cannot express my kindly feelings toward the detectives, newspapers, and all others who have so kindly assisted us in these trying days. Everybody has been kind to us, and we certainly appreciate all that has been done. It is hard to realize that our Billy has been recovered."

WEATHER REPORT.

Fair and warmer weather is indicated for the middle Atlantic States tonight and Wednesday.

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be moderate northerly, becoming variable, on the south Atlantic coast moderate northeasterly, shifting to easterly, on the east Gulf coast moderate easterly, on the west Gulf coast moderate westerly.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have moderate northerly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair tonight and Wednesday, with rising temperature; minimum temperature tonight about 34 degrees; moderate northerly winds, becoming variable.

TEMPERATURE.
8:00 32
9:00 32
10:00 32
11:00 32
Noon 32
1:00 P. M. 32
2:00 P. M. 32
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5:00 P. M. 32
6:00 P. M. 32
7:00 P. M. 32
8:00 P. M. 32
9:00 P. M. 32
10:00 P. M. 32
11:00 P. M. 32
Midnight 32

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises 6:00
Sun sets 6:15
Today—High tide, 2.21 a. m. and 2:46 p. m. Low tide, 2:21 a. m. and 2:46 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 10:04 a. m. and 10:25 p. m. Low tide, 4:07 a. m. and 4:40 p. m.

SCOTT POLE FOUND AFTER LONG HUNT BY BRITISH SHIP

The Nimrod, Under Lieutenant Schackleton, Brings News to New Zealand.

FARTHEST POINT REACHED BY MAN

London Paper Prints Cable Which Is Lacking in Details.

LONDON, March 23.—The Pall Mall Gazette today says:

"We learn from information received in London that the British Antarctic expedition on the ship Nimrod, succeeded in reaching the South Pole.

The expedition was in charge of Lieutenant Schackleton. The news was received via cable from New Zealand this morning."

The Nimrod reached New Zealand today.

News Heard With Glee.

Great interest was manifested here this morning when the news reached Washington that an expedition had planted the British flag on the world's southern extremity.

Although not inclined to discredit the report nothing definite in regard to this particular expedition was obtainable at either the National Museum or the Smithsonian Institution. It being explained that neither of these institutions had representatives on the trip that is reported to have culminated by reaching one of the two goals for which man has been searching for centuries.

While there is considerably more interest in the search for the North Pole than in the travels through the Antarctic regions, discovery of the South Pole would be almost invaluable to the men in settling disputes in regard to currents, conditions that exist here, soundings, and many other mooted questions.

Lieutenant Schackleton's party experienced grave difficulties from the very outset. When the expedition started the plan was to go as far south as possible and after establishing headquarters, make the dash for the pole with a party of three explorers headed by the lieutenant with six Siberian ponies and a motor car.

Shortly after heading their ship, the Nimrod, southward, the party was blown completely out of their course by a terrific blizzard and suffered many hardships. Winter quarters were hastily established at Cape Erebus, where the Nimrod left the party.

Lieutenant Schackleton has finally located the pole he has succeeded where many have failed for it was within the last two years that a party on the Argentine research ship Uruguay suffered hardships equal to the most perilous voyages that have been attempted to the other end of the globe.

The party did considerable meteorological work taking up the task where it was left off by the Scottish Antarctic explorers in 1902.

The Argentine Republic maintains a meteorological service of the highest efficiency, but it is believed that Lieutenant Schackleton's expedition has made scientific discoveries that will completely upset some of the old theories that have been accepted in regard to conditions at the South Pole.

Wellman Not Surprised.

Walter Wellman, the well-known explorer and newspaper man, who intends to make another attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon, when advised of the report that the South Pole had been found, said today:

"It would not surprise me to learn that the South Pole had been found. I learned this morning that a report had reached London of the success of the Shackleton expedition."

"Although it had been expected that the North Pole would be reached first, the South Pole is situated on a continent of ice; the North Pole is in mid-sea, the icebergs making it practically impossible of access by boat. Lieutenant Schackleton probably has reached the South Pole by means of his party."

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FIRE OF QUERIES INTERRUPTS PAYNE IN TARIFF SPEECH

Questioners Throng Around Chairman When He Resumes His Discussion.

LOSES HIS TEMPER AT POINTED THRUSTS

Indignantly Denies That Trend of Revision Is Upward Instead of Downward.

Chairman Sereno E. Payne began his second day's speech in exposition of the tariff bill when the House convened at 11 o'clock today.

There was a crowd of questioners clustered around the New Yorker and before he could resume his discussion he was forced to reply to a dozen or more quick-fire queries.

In answer to a question by Norris (Rep., Neb.), Payne said that about a billion pounds of coffee were consumed in the United States each year, but he was unable to state what portion of that came from Brazil.

He once more evaded adroitly on attempt by Moore (Rep., Pa.), to pin him down to an admission as to whether opportunity would be given for amendment to the bill. Garrett (Dem., Tenn.), aroused Payne's ire by suggesting that, taking the bill as a whole, it was a revision upward.

Payne Angry.

Payne waxed angry immediately. "The gentleman is not fair to the committee or to me," he shouted. "Any intelligent man, if he read the bill carefully, would see that it is a revision downward." He, however, stated that as far as revenue was concerned the bill had an upward trend, but denied emphatically that had any tendency otherwise.

Longworth (Rep., Ohio) suggested that of one hundred and thirty paragraphs in the Dingley bill the tariff in the Payne bill was lower on the same commodities and that it was only a raise on commodities in thirty paragraphs.

Garner (Dem., Tex.) also got a rise out of Payne by insisting that he elucidate the intention of the committee in regard to hides, the Texan demanding a high protective duty.

In answer to another question, Payne declared that a statement would soon be issued by the committee containing a comparison of the ad valorem in the present law and the proposed bill.

Tinplate Industry.

He then began an exposition of further items in the metal schedules, beginning with tin-plate, declaring that a sufficient protection was contemplated to the tin-plate industry. "If we had followed the argument of the minority and fixed a duty which would have afforded no protection to this industry, possibly we might have secured additional revenue, but this was not desirable, where extinction of the industry would have resulted."

Chairman Payne discussed an investigation of the file industry, which disclosed that the manufacture was mainly a matter of machinery and that American manufacturers met competition in all parts of the world. For that reason the committee had reduced the tariff to 40 per cent ad valorem, which is about half the Dingley rate.

Capron (Rep., R. I.) which is the seat of the industry, complained that Payne was not fairly stating the case. "He should not state it," said Capron, "as attorney for the importers."

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ROOSEVELT SAILS FOR AFRICA AMID CHEERS OF THOUSANDS



FORMER PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.
From Recent Painting.

PIERS ARE PACKED WITH ENTHUSIASTS WISHING GODSPEED

Steamer Hamburg, Escorted
by Revenue Cutters and
Tugs, Starts Trip.

ROYAL FAREWELL GIVEN HUNTSMAN

Official Washington Represented
in Distinguished Throng That
Gathers About ex-President.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Standing on the bridge of the big liner Hamburg, his stocky form wrapped in an army overcoat, and waving his black slouch hat to the thousands who cheered him from the pier, Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States, sailed at 11:06 o'clock this morning for Naples, en route to British East Africa, where apprehensive hordes of wild beasts await his coming.

The former President shouted his well-known "Good-by and good luck" scores of times as the Hamburg slowly cleared, but his voice was lost in the pandemonium below.

The crowd could see his white teeth snapping in a characteristic manner.

Kermit stood at his father's side, his head bared, less demonstrative than his sire, but apparently as much interested by the wonderful demonstration.

Roosevelt stood on the bridge for five minutes, and as he withdrew to go to his suite, a final shout of farewell followed after the ship, and probably the greatest send-off ever given an American citizen drew to its unique close.

All the way down the river the whistles on shore and on river craft were kept going, while every passing craft dipped its colors in honor of the departing guest.

Receives Gift.

Shortly before the steamer sailed Roosevelt, escorted by six stalwart policemen, left his stateroom and went on deck to receive formally the bronze gift of Italian friends from Little Hungary.

Then the crowd broke loose, and that half a hundred persons were not killed was due entirely to good luck and not to good management. As the form of the colonel was sighted at the top of the gangway an indescribable rush of humanity set in toward that point.

Women and small men were knocked down and trampled under foot, and for a time it looked as though a most serious interruption to the trip must come. Finally, the cooler heads managed to restore some semblance of order.

Dr. A. R. Barch started to make a formal speech on behalf of the Italian societies, but was quickly checked by Mr. Roosevelt before he had uttered a dozen sentences. "I have no time for formal speechmaking," Roosevelt broke in abruptly. "I appreciate your kindness, and leave no word to express my gratitude to you. Please send the bronze to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, at Oyster Bay."

Wild cheers greeted this statement, and then Roosevelt started for the gangway to the gateway to meet a delegation from Pittsburgh, headed by A. P. Moore, which wanted to pay its respects.

Once again the crowd got away from the police, and it eddied about the pier, the weaker ones being overthrown and trampled. However, the holiday spirit was manifest, and there was no panic. When he finally fought his way aboard the ship again, the police by order of the steamship officials closed the gangways and refused to permit anyone else aboard who was not a passenger or connected with the ship.

Reserves Called Out.

By this time the crowd had gotten beyond all bounds and it was necessary to send for all of the police reserves of Hoboken to keep the people from being killed or forced into the water.

When the former President returned to his stateroom he found a delegation of his old-time associates from Little Hungary there and they greeted him very warmly. Port Warden March joined the crowd and Roosevelt showed him the presents he had given him. One of them which seemed to afford him much amusement was a hatchet to carry in his belt, which one of the Italians had given him.

"When the best sounded the warning, 'All ashore that are not going,' Roosevelt came outside of the stateroom and shook hands with the party of personal friends that had been waiting for the last good-bys. This was the signal for others to crowd forward with extended hands and Roosevelt turned to Kermit.

NATIONAL CIVIC CONGRESS TO MEET

District Officials and Trade
Bodies Plan for Conference in May.

Arrangements to hold in Washington a national conference for the consideration of questions relating to the planning and building of cities, with reference especially to the problem of congested population, were made today at a meeting between Commissioner Macfarland and Henry Mergenthauser and G. P. Marsh, representing the New York committee on the municipal exhibition.

J. H. Small, Jr., president of the board of trade, and W. F. Gude, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

It is proposed to hold the conference in connection with the municipal exhibition to be given in this city under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce during the last week in May. Plans will be left in the hands of a committee composed of representative men of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, and Cincinnati, and other large cities.

Taft Will Help.

President Taft has given assurances that he will attend the opening meeting.

The municipal exhibit will be on view in New York from May 3 to May 15, and will then be removed to Washington. Its purpose is to show what has

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TAFT GIVES CAPERS SOLAR PLEXUS BLOW

Turns to Democratic Senator
for Advice on South
Carolina Jobs.

By JAMES HAY, JR.

The President today turned to Senator Bailey D. Smith of South Carolina, a Democrat, for advice regarding Federal appointments in the Palmetto State.

Not only is this the most positive proof given by Mr. Taft of his intention to award Federal positions in the South according to the wishes of the best elements of that section's population, but the political wisecracks profess to see in it a practical declaration of the downfall of John G. Capers as the political arbiter of the Republican party in South Carolina.

In support of this view is the fact that Capers' present position in the Government service, that of chief of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, has already been offered to two men, Arthur I. Vorys, of Ohio, and James E. Watson, of Indiana. Both refused the place, and the understanding is that the President is now looking for somebody else to take it.

Returns by Request.

This was Senator Smith's second talk with the President. He was at the White House last week, and at that time the President told him to return for an extended interview. This morning, before the meeting of the Cabinet,

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CURB WILD AUTOISTS, IS THE PLEA OF WEST

Commissioner Proposes Plan to Stop Reckless Driving
of Motor Cars, Another to Facilitate Identification of Numbers.

To deprive reckless drivers of automobiles of their permits operate motor vehicles.

To require automobilists in Washington to remove all out-of-town numbers from their machines when within the District of Columbia.

The above regulations governing the operation of automobiles in the District were suggested to the Commissioners today by Commissioner West. The necessity for the first regulation was brought to his attention by a member of Congress whose experience with a reckless chauffeur on Connecticut avenue led him to make a complaint.

Investigation, it is said, showed that the machine was owned and operated by the son of one of the foreign ambassadors, and the case was brought to the attention of the State Department.

"There is a police regulation against the reckless operation of automobiles," said Commissioner West today, "but it is doubtful whether the alleged offender can be prosecuted under this regulation."

The Corporation Counsel expresses the opinion that the Commissioners have the right to prescribe in a permit the length of time for which it is given, and the cause which will operate to revoke it, provided these causes have reference to the protection of lives and limbs of the public.

In reference to the proposed regulation requiring the removal while in the District of all out-of-town numbers, Commissioner West said that similar laws are in force in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and other States, and the change is advocated with practical unanimity by the police captains, of the District. Major Sylvester says that the police have experienced considerable difficulty in making prompt and proper identification of motor vehicles by reason of the confusion of numbers.

GAS PLANT DEATH HELD UNAVOIDABLE

Coroner's Jury Frees Washington Company From Blame.

An unavoidable accident was the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest this morning over John Venable, colored, who died in the Emergency Hospital from burns received through an explosion of illuminating gas in the plant of the Washington Gaslight Company on March 15.

Witnesses testified that the explosion was caused by a brick falling from a scaffold and breaking a steel pipe which held the cover of a ten-inch gas pipe.

ROYAL PHYSICIAN DIES IN GERMANY

BERLIN, March 23.—Rudolf von Renner, one of the most eminent physicians of Germany, is dead here as a result of an operation for gall stones.

He was physician to the late Emperor Frederick and to Chancellor von Bülow. He often accompanied Emperor William on his travels, and four years ago his majesty conferred upon him a hereditary title of nobility.

PIONEER MERCHANT DIES.

YORK, Pa., March 23.—Leon Herz, one of the pioneer merchants of York, died last night of uremic poisoning. He was sixty-seven years old and was considered wealthy. He came to this country from Germany and for many years conducted a large clothing house.